

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
CONTINGENCY PLAN FACT SHEET
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We continue to hope that Congress will reach an agreement to avoid a government shutdown, but we are working to prepare for all possible scenarios. The following fact sheet provides basic information about the National Park Service's contingency plans in the event of a government shutdown.

Services and Programs that would remain operational

NAME OF SERVICE/PROGRAM	REASON
NPS Law Enforcement (including U.S. Park Police) and disaster assistance	Emergency and/or excepted activity
Firefighting and monitoring	Emergency and/or excepted activity
Emergency rescue and medical care	Emergency and/or excepted activity
Border and coastal protection and surveillance	Emergency and/or excepted activity
Oil spill response	Non-appropriated or non-lapsing funding sources available
Protection of critical infrastructure and NPS property and resources	Emergency and/or excepted activity
Access to "thru" roads	Emergency and/or excepted activity

Services and programs that would be closed

- National park units will be closed and secured where possible (Mall area will be open, while the Washington Monument will be closed).
- Visitor centers and other facilities will be closed.
- Education programs and special events will be canceled.
- Permits for special events will be rescinded.
- Guests staying in hotels and campgrounds will be notified of the closure and given 48 hours to make alternate arrangements and leave the park.

Key citizen services that would be affected

- 394 national park units will be closed and day-use visitors asked to leave.
- All entrances, parking lots, and facilities that can be secured will be closed.
- All permits, events, and activities will be canceled.

- Concession-provided services, including marinas, lodging, campgrounds, and food service will be closed to visitors, except where needed to support emergency services.

Employees

- Total Agency Employees: 20,076
Total employees who would be furloughed: 16,715